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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6415**  
Akio KUROBE et al. : Docket No. 2003\_1524A  
Serial No. 10/690,561 : Group Art Unit 2133  
Filed October 23, 2003 :

COMMUNICATION DEVICE AND  
COMMUNICATION METHOD IMMUNE TO  
BURST ERROR, PROGRAM FOR EXECUTING  
THE METHOD, AND COMPUTER-READABLE  
STORAGE MEDIUM STORING THE PROGRAM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.